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FROM OUR RESTRICTED VANTAGE POINT IT APPEARS THAT SARG HAS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS BEGUN TO GENUINELY FEAR POSSIBILITY OF ISRAELI PRE-EMPTIVE ATTACK, PARTICULARLY DURING SOME RELIGIOUS OR SECULAR HOLIDAY IN THE MANNER OF THE ARAB ATTACK ON YOM KIPPUR. CONTRIBUTING TO THIS FEAR HAVE BEEN ISRAELI STATEMENTS DURING THIS TIME WHICH HAVE ALLEGED SYRIAN INTENTIONS TO ATTACK ISRAEL AND WHICH HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED HERE AS AN ISRAELI EFFORT TO PROVIDE RATIONALIZATION FOR SUCH A PRE-EMPTIVE MOVE. FINALLY, RECENT RETURN OF SHARON AND TAL TO ACTIVE DUTY MAY HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS CONCERN.

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